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WEATHER BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—For lower Michigan—Fair; slightly warmer; variable winds, shifting to east.

SUPERIOR TO ALL.

Beyond any sort of doubt the newspaper of the HERALD is far superior to what it has ever been before. During the past week an extraordinary pressure was brought to bear upon the resources of every newspaper in the land, and the task of separating the latest news from among the volumes of reports launched into every office was almost superhuman. The task, however, was greatly simplified in THE HERALD office, where the sharp and incisive reports of the United Press are received. Without disparaging the reports published in other papers, THE HERALD is justified in claiming that its reports of the proceedings of the Chicago convention were more excellent in point of comprehensiveness and completeness than those published in any other paper in this city or state not taking the United Press despatches. The crowning feature of the week, however, was the issue of Thursday morning, giving in detail the vote by states on president and each incident leading up to the final vote. This report was the most complete, and the only one published in the state. The Detroit papers issued extra editions to give the news and even in Chicago the great papers containing the latest convention news did not appear until 7 o'clock. THE HERALD was out and delivered to its subscribers in time for breakfast reading and to the news agencies in time for the early trains. The supply of papers for that issue was exhausted at an early hour and demands for extra copies were supplied by a later edition. THE HERALD is rapidly pushing to the front as a newspaper. It prints the news complete—not mere headlines—in advance of all competitors because of virtue of owning its special wire it is kept in touch with the newscasters of the world both by day and by night. It follows that if the news is desired it is quite necessary to have THE HERALD on one's list of household necessities. If you want it for a month or six months you may order it by telephone. It is the best newspaper in the city. Price 50 cents a month, delivered. Subscriber!

POLITICIAN NOT IN IT.

This is a bad year for the politician. He is getting a black eye wherever he puts in an appearance. At Minneapolis the politician made a desperate effort to prejudice the action of the convention, but he met with a miserable failure. At Chicago he asserted himself and begged and threatened, but to no avail. He was sidetracked. His ambition having been crushed in national politics he must turn to smaller fish. He may be looked for very numerous in state affairs for the next few weeks. He has already selected his candidates and is making an active canvass to have them ratified. But the people are not in the temper to permit the politician to triumph. He is useful in his way, necessary for that matter, but he is not and cannot be the supervising architect of platforms and tickets any longer. The people will have something more to say than merely to ask whether "Jim Jones is for him" or "Sly Slick against him." They begin to see that the politician is most always for office and plunder—rarely for work and honor. That is the reason he was laid out at Minneapolis and Chicago, and for the same reason he will be laid out at the coming state conventions. The politician is a good fellow when it comes his way—when it doesn't, he's a good fellow just the same, but not so chipper and cheerful. What if he may be a little overbearing in triumph and a little overcast in defeat? They are his only ways for showing that he is "in it" and he can be suffered so much of happiness or grief. He is not cutting a wide swath this year—and it's just as well for him and better for the people.

VILAS and WATSON.

One of the dramatic incidents of the democratic convention escaped the general notice usually given to such things. After the reading of the platform in the deep and sonorous tones of which Senator Vilas is the proud possessor, Lawrence Neal of Ohio took the platform and submitted his amendment to the tariff plank, following it in a speech bristling with platitudes to the effect that the "tariff is a tax." Calls were made, vociferous ones, for Henry Watterson, the imperious leader of the radical free traders. He ascended to the speaker's desk, and standing for fully two minutes, awaited the quieting of the yelling mob in the galleries. Then he called for the reading of the tariff plank adopted in 1884. It was read, and in polite terms he arrogated to himself the credit for the preparation and final adoption. Fairly tremulous with indignation he proceeded to denounce the plank read by Senator Vilas as a "monstrosity." All his wealth of subtle sarcasm was poured forth in heated language, denouncing the weak and puerile offering of the committee on resolutions. Senator Vilas followed the eloquent Kentuckian, paying him a high tribute as a statesman and orator. He reached over to the speaker's desk and taking

up the volume from which the paragraph had been read in response to Mr. Watterson's request, opened it and began to read the identical words appearing in the original platform submitted an hour earlier. Watterson saw the point—saw that he was about to be made a liar by the platform of 1884—and like a flash he shot from his seat to the side of Vilas, every lineament of his features tense with defiance, and he stood there like a hero in the face of peril. Vilas did not stop. He read the words with deliberation, and turning to the Kentuckian pointed his bony index finger at him and declared that he was sponsor for them. Watterson, not a bit crestfallen nor dismayed, rose to the situation at once and declared that he had yielded to the importunities of the mugwumps and weak-kneed tariff reformers for the sake of harmony. The scene was almost as dramatic as the famous "turkey-gobbler" incident between Blaine and Conkling in the house of representatives. The incident, however, did more than anything else to lead to the success of the Neal amendment.

"Number and value of pensions allowed by bureau of pensions during eleven months, from July 1, 1911, to May 31, 1922, inclusive," is the title of the last bulletin issued by Commissioner Baum. The number of pensioners on the rolls May 31, 1922, was 356,097, showing an increase of 179,927 during the preceding eleven months. The total of cases allowed for the eleven months was 290,186. The amount of first payments for that time, \$38,880, 615.92. One widow's pension for loss by the revolutionary war was resumed. It amounted to \$49.86 on first payment. Forty-two pensions were issued to the survivors and widows of soldiers participating in the "old wars." Thirty-three war of 1812 pensions were issued.

That the Hackley park is to become one of the famous places for religious gatherings is attested by the great number of inquiries received from persons interested in its development. The site is an admirable one, ready of access, beautiful in contour and well adapted for the purpose to which it will be devoted. In addition to its distinct character as a place of assembly, it will be the home for the new building to be erected for the W. C. T. U. and will also probably become the permanent rendezvous for the Michigan State Teachers' association. Its officers are energetic ministers, having an aptitude for executive business and it is fair to expect that its success will be instantaneous.

It appears that Stanley is having a hard time in his campaign for a seat in parliament. He is made the butt of ridicule by the masses and seems to take it with about the relish that a convention orator takes the guys of the galleries. Stanley will find the dark jungles of politics more impenetrable to the intrepid explorer for preferment than the African morasses for the discovery of Emin Pasha.

David's lament for Abalom; Rachel weeping for her lost children, and the grief of the Mothers of Bethlehem over the slaughter of the innocents were all pathetic in their way; but the climax of human pathos is reached in Dana's editorials on the nomination of Grover Cleveland.

Dutch editors will take greater care in the future that sonnets on "Beautiful Spring" and "The Lay of the Last Hen," are not ruthlessly thrown into the waste basket and trampled upon. One of them destroyed a bicycle letter and was tried in court and fined for the offense—whatever it may be.

HENRI WATTESSON will continue to lecture on "Money and Morals," but look out for his newspaper the morning after the first Tuesday in November, when the story of Grover's defeat is recorded. Then Henri will remind his party of what he told them long before the nomination.

WHILE many Michigan democrats have within the past few days been facetiously inquiring, "Who is Stevenson?" the Illinois democrats are trying to locate Ben Morse and find out whether or not he is a descendant of the fellow who invented lightning—Jersey lightning.

CHANCEY DREW refuses to surrender a \$50,000 presidency of a railroad for an \$8,000 cabinet position, and in so doing Chancey demonstrates that he is wise beyond his day and generation.

WHEN the democratic convention failed to force Hill on the tail end of the ticket it lost a golden opportunity to push the unscrupulous politician into the dark and murky depths of political oblivion.

GENERAL STEVENSON, the democratic nominee for vice president, was never in the war, and acquired his title by holding office under Cleveland. It's all the same, however, to a democrat.

FREDERICK SCHWATKA once experienced a temperature of 71 degrees below zero, but that is warm compared with the reception Tammany received in the democratic convention.

REPUBLICANS will not put too much faith in the solemnity of Tammany. Remember that they are democrats, and democrats don't vote split tickets.

DR. TALMAGE will preach in London today, and exemplify to the sturdy Britons how an acrobatic pulpitist can rivet the attention of the pews.

There is bad weather for the "is this hot-enough-for-you" man; but it's great picking for the "How-do-you-like-the-ticket" fiend.

FAVORITE sons have been about the most available thing in the political market this year.

READY FOR A RACE

Noted Runners Now at the South Track.

MOLLIE V AND EVANGELINE

Arrived Yesterday—The Steeple Chase Course Has Been Laid Out and is 2-1-4 Miles Long.

Things moved with a rush at the Kent fair grounds yesterday. The track was covered with flyers engaged in exercising. The yards were full of horses and jockeys, both enjoying the sun and the grass. The barns were filled with stable boys rubbing down the favorites and getting ready for the great races that will begin Friday afternoon. Three carloads of horses came in from Garfield park in the morning and four more came last night.

In the south wing of the barns is quartered C. M. Watterson's string. It consists of Mollie V. St. Joe, Trude, Lena, Rhos, Lady Ballard, Daylight, Little Willie and Bonnie Road. Mollie V is in excellent condition, although she is rather thin from racing through two feet of mud at Garfield park. The little mare will rest for a few days, and get in condition to show her heels to the other flyers in the great races. St. Joe is also rather attenuated, but he will be all right again after a few days of rest and Michigan hay. The Gates and McBride stable came yesterday too. It consists of Evangel-

ine, Long Shot, Bob Thomas, Yon Yonson and McBride's Speculator. The stable isn't large, but it contains some of the greatest steeplechase horses in the country. Evangeline and Bob Thomas have no superiors on the American tracks as hurdle horses and steeplechasers, and the fraternity will back them heavily in the races next week.

Foster and Bathwell brought in three horses yesterday. Two of them, J. B. Fred and Benji Bland, won nine races at Garfield park during the season just past, and local sports are preparing to put money on them. Scroggins Brothers' string of seven, and Mr. Dougherty's stable of four came also. More than 150 runners were in the stables yesterday morning, and it is expected that 250 horses will be there to train on the track by tomorrow morning.

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W. R. Maxwell, who built the tracks at Sheepshead Bay, St. Louis, Garfield park and Washington track, arrived yesterday to take charge of the track during the races. In conversation with a reporter for THE HERALD yesterday, he said: "This is one of the best tracks in the country. It's far superior to any other track I've seen this year. At Garfield park there is two feet of mud, and Washington park isn't any better. I expect to see the fastest time made here that has been made this year. If nothing happens to the track, I haven't a doubt but that a mile will be run in 1:42 or 1:43; and that the three-quarters can be made in 1:15. This is a mighty fast track."

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All of the horses will be on the tracks for exercise this morning, and a large number of persons will drive out and watch the thoroughbred exercise. The success of the meeting is now absolutely assured and Grand Rapids will have an opportunity to see the first races of the kind ever held in this city, and also some of the greatest races in the country. If anybody meets a man on the street with his countenance wreathed in smiles, his eyes beaming with satisfaction and a general whoop-whoop-whoop-whoop, he may know that it is either Peter Reid, L. N. Hodges or C. M. Watterson.

Bicycle Notes.

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Next Sunday six bicycle riders will race to Grand Haven with Perkins & Richmond's steam launch Rambler. The party in the boat will also consist of six men and the losers will furnish supper for the winners at Grand Haven.

Frank Richmond will attend the league meeting at Bay City July 3 and 4. He is entered in the three mile lap race, the two mile handicap and the eighteen mile road race.

Wednesday night has been set aside for the women members of the Grand Rapids Bicycle club gymnasium. Good instructors are in charge.

The Grand Rapids Bicycle club will take a run to Plainfield this morning at 10 o'clock. They will take dinner before returning.

S. P. DeVries returned yesterday from Big Rapids, where he has been attending a "boss trot."

P. S. Hunt will attend the L. A. W. meet at Bay City.

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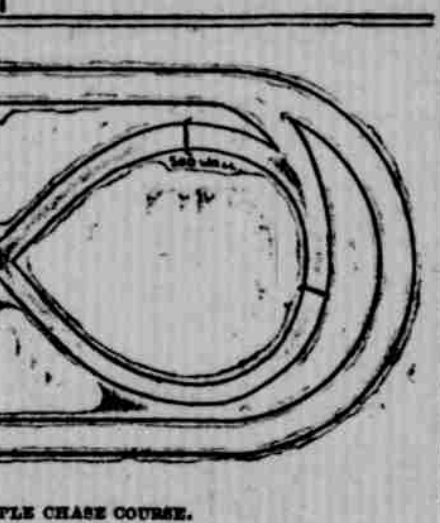
horses were entered. "Brown George," owned and driven by S. P. DeVries of this city, took second in the free-for-all race, being beaten by Benson H in three straight heats. Benson's time by heats was 2:25, 2:30 and 2:34, which is remarkable considering the condition of the track.

STATE TRAP SHOOTERS.

They Will Hold All of Their Meetings Here This Summer.

W. O. Woodworth attended the meeting of the State League of Trap Shooters at Lansing last week. The meeting was well attended, there being nearly sixty present from Battle Creek, Jackson, Manchester, Ovid, Kalamazoo, Detroit, Morenci, Mason, Vicksburg and Grand Rapids. The league was organized in Jackson May 25, and has fast sprung into prominence. Its roster contains the names of some of the best trap shots in the state nearly 200 in all. The officers are: President, J. C. Nichols, Lansing; first vice president, E. E. Thresher, Kalamazoo; second vice president, Jackson; third, N. A. Osgood, Battle Creek; fourth, N. W. Holt, Manchester; fifth, T. A. Rowley, Morenci; secretary and treasurer, W. O. Woodworth, Grand Rapids. The league will hold two shoots during the season, the first being at Battle Creek July 12 and 13, and the second at Grand Rapids, the date to be fixed later. The Cleveland blue rocks were adopted as the standard pigeon of the club. The Grand Rapids members of the league are Charles Rood, H. K. Summers, Charles Carpenter, William Youngs, R. C. Wharton, L. E. Carroll and W. O. Woodworth.

Montana-Major Domo Race Off. New York, June 25.—The match race between Montana and Major Domo,



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FUNDS FOR A YEAR

The Council Passes the Annual Budget.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY

Alderman Turner Sums It Up and Declares That It Should Be Paid as Soon as Possible.

Consideration of the annual budget occupied the aldermen of the special session last night. At the session of Thursday night the only alteration made in the budget as reported by the committee on ways and means, was the reduction of the first ward highway fund from \$2,500 to \$2,000. Last night Alderman Frost moved that the fund be increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000, \$5,000 to come from the general fund and \$7,000 from the park fund. The motion was voted down by a large majority, and Alderman Teabout, Ball, Dregge and Anderson made speeches against cutting down the park fund. On motion of Alderman Anderson the interest fund on water works was increased from \$38,915 to \$42,000, as the city treasurer had made an error in making his estimate of the amount necessary for this fund.

The recommendation of the committee that \$25,000 be placed in the budget for collecting the water works bonds issued in 1873 and maturing in 1893, caused an extended discussion. Alderman Dregge said that the principal might rapidly be wiped out if there were a more careful system of collecting the water rates. The revenues might be increased 50 per cent under better management. Alderman Turner said that the city had not yet paid the sums borrowed for the first water pipes put down twenty years ago for the engine house, the recent addition to the same, the new pipes, and the new pumps, and owed \$150,000 on its city hall. He said the water works bonds should be paid off rapidly as possible. The recommendation of the committee was finally adopted and the amount incorporated in the budget. On motion of Alderman Conger, the recommendation of the committee that \$25,000 be included in the budget for next year, was struck out. On motion of Alderman Anderson, the budget was passed as amended by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldermen Anderson, Ball, Campbell, Damakey, Emmer, Gervens, Gezon, Kinney, Mahoney, Mills, Stein, Teabout, Turner, Watterson, Woodworth. Nays—Aldermen Conger, DeGraaf, Dregge, Frost, Gilden, Hauser, Jacobs—7.

How the Budget Stands.

The budget as amended stands:

General fund	\$45,000.00
Park fund	20,000.00
Superior court fund	3,000.00
Lamp fund	15,000.00
Riding fund	2,500.00
General park fund	10,000.00
First district sewer fund	3,000.00
Second district sewer fund	3,000.00
Amount asked for by board of police and fire commissioners	62,792.80
Police department	31,376.40
John Hall department	2,000.00
Police headquarters building fund	25,386.40
Police headquarters	2,500.00
Westly avenue bridge fund	5,000.00
Sixth ward engine house	2,000.00
First ward highway fund	2,000.00
Second ward highway fund	2,000.00
Third ward highway fund	2,000.00
Fourth ward highway fund	2,000.00
Fifth ward highway fund	2,000.00
Sixth ward highway fund	2,000.00
Seventh ward highway fund	2,000.00
Eighth ward highway fund	2,000.00
Ninth ward highway fund	2,000.00
Tenth ward highway fund	2,000.00
Twelfth ward highway fund	2,000.00
Total	\$242,383.20
Interest on city hall bonds	7,500.00
Interest on water works bonds	42,000.00
Grand Total	\$291,883.20

To the above must be added the sum of \$25,000 for the payment of interest on the first series of water bonds issued October 1, 1873, and maturing October 1, 1893, making a grand total of \$417,383.20.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Estimates Submitted and Contracts Let at Yesterday's Session.

Dreary routine work occupied the board of public works yesterday except when the members braced up enough to decide that some action must be taken in regard to the custom of plumbers and drain layers of leaving streets open up for completing work. In the future, however, so the board enacted, these craftsmen will be served with notices ordering them to repair all streets and leave them in as good condition as found within three days after the notice. Failure to comply will result in their licenses being withdrawn.

The following approximate estimates were submitted by Engineer Collar:

For sewer in Eleventh avenue, from South Division street to South Lonia street, 568 feet, \$537.72.

For sewer in James street, from 200 feet north of Wealthy avenue to Buckeye street, 472 feet, \$318.75.

For sewer in South East street, from Cherry street to Wealthy avenue, 1,383 feet, \$1,320.50.

For sewer in North avenue, from Madison avenue to Quimby street, 554 feet, \$476.

For sewer in Madison street, from North avenue to North College avenue, 564 feet, \$487.50.

For sewer in Muskegon street, from 75 feet south, West Leonard street to Seventh street, 2,640 feet, \$2,904.12.

For sewer in Elizabeth street, from West Leonard to south line of Junction addition, \$588.

For channel in Grand river for sewer purposes as proposed by the board of trade, from 1,000 feet below Fulton street to above Bridge street, 18,300 cubic yards of excavation at 20 cents per yard, \$3,660.

For grading, graveling and paving gutter, including a stone curb on Lugin street, from South Union street to South East street, \$4,730.40.

Same improvement in Walnut street, from North avenue to North Union street, \$5,641.00. For same in Buckeye street, from Court street and M. Ver-non street, \$5,437.

The following contracts were allowed: Improvement of Lyon street, from Barclay street to North Union street, to Joel Collins, \$5,480. Improvement of alley between Court street and M. Vernon street, from Allen street to Shawmut avenue, to Matthews & Kioote, \$430. Sewer in Elizabeth street to Muskegon & Van Orsen, \$480. Rock excavations \$1,500 extra per cubic yard. Plank street improvement bids were laid on the table for one week.

Paving the Bridges.

The board of public works will try an interesting experiment on the bridge over the Grand river at Pearl street, which has always been laid with a tight plank plank. Upon this plank will be laid a bed of dressed ashes and a cedar block pavement in the center.

A few months' trial is all that is necessary to prove the efficiency of the flooring, and should it be successful it is probable that as soon as the present flooring on the other bridges wears out they will be paved also.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

It Completed Its Special Session Yesterday and Adjourned.

The board of supervisors held a short session yesterday morning and it was besieged with applicants for positions in the new court house, as it was thought the appointments would then be made. The first business disposed of was the report of the committee on the salary of the board. The committee reported that each supervisor was entitled to \$12 and mileage, making the pay roll for the special session \$514.45. The report was accepted and adopted. The committee on public safety committee held a protracted session for the consideration of the long list of applications for positions, but reported that it was unable to agree upon the appointees. It recommended, however, that J. W. Donnan be employed as engineer and superintendent at a salary of \$904. Mr. Benjamin stated that Donnan is the present incumbent, and that he had agreed to look after the building, janitors, machinery and bring for \$15 a week. Supervisor Emmons moved to refer the matter back to the committee with power to act. After a continual debate on the motion, Supervisor Frost moved to accept the report and that Mr. Donnan be duly hired. The report was accepted by a vote of 25 to 9. Mr. Cogshall moved to proceed to the election of an elevator man. The motion was carried, but his subsequent motion to proceed to the election by ballot was lost. It was opposed by Mr. Loomis, who said that the applications should be taken with the utmost care, and one of them, G. Marshall McCray, being an ex-mayor of this city and others all good men.

On motion of Mr. Hogadone the whole matter was referred back to the committee with full power to make permanent appointments will not be made before the October session of the board.

Mr. Loomis was given permission to say a few words about the dedication of the new court house. He said it had been over forty years since the county owned a court house, and every supervisor and his family should make an effort to be present. A motion made by Mr. Warner of Ada that the appointments be given to men who were not supported by S. S. Chamberlain of the eleventh ward and Nathaniel Rice of the twelfth ward were appointed agents for the burial of deceased soldiers. The board then adjourned until the regular October session.

Summer Kindergartens.

The interests in Kindergartens are still on the increase. The Young People's society of the Fountain Street Baptist church is planning to open a kindergarten at the Mission church on North College avenue. At its last meeting \$30 was pledged for the purpose and a committee of ten appointed to take charge of the work. The children of Fountain street school have become interested and have donated \$15 for the purpose of giving children the privilege of a kindergarten this summer. There will also be several private kindergartens open during the summer months. The Kindergarten association will have charge of a kindergarten and teachers' kindergarten training class at the Western Michigan college. There is also a private kindergarten at No. 76 Henry street, opened by Misses Holdridge and Osborne, students of the training school during the past year. They are delightfully located in a quiet neighborhood, and already have ten happy little folk in charge. It is hoped the number will be increased to twenty.

Mr. Brookings Will Go South.

John E. Brookings is making preparation to move his family to Chicago within the coming month, and will take a prospecting trip through Florida in the vicinity of Jacksonville. Mr. Brookings has been a resident of this city for the past nine years, and has been secretary and treasurer of the Brookings Lumber company since its formation. The company has nearly closed up its business at Brookings and will shortly dissolve, having done a heavy business at that place during its existence. Mr. Brookings will go south with the intention of locating a large lumbering tract.

Swedish Church Dedication.

The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church, corner Court and Valley streets, will be dedicated this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Prof. O. Olson, D. D., of Augustana college, Rock Island, Ill., will deliver the address in both the Swedish and English languages and perform the ceremonies, assisted by several other ministers. All are cordially invited to listen to the good and earnest and able speaker and witness the impressive ceremonies, hear Swedish and English songs and rejoice with the congregation.

Prof. Wellenstein's Recital.

Rudolph A. Wellenstein played excellently at Allegan last Monday evening. The occasion was a piano forte recital given by Mr. Wellenstein under the auspices of the Harmony club. The audience was one of the very large and most appreciative ever assembled in Allegan. The question has often been asked, especially of late, why Mr. Wellenstein never gives his friends in Grand Rapids a concert. He answered him in his magnificent solo work. He is a born artist.

Staged a Soldier of the Lord.

Philip Cummings went to the Salvation army barracks on Pearl street last night in a drunken condition, and during the excitement of the army soldier he landed a terrific blow on the jaw of Mrs. A. Huff, who resides at No. 174 Clinton street. The service was discontinued for a time, and one of the soldiers ran excitedly into police headquarters